

WEATHER.
UTAH—Generally fair tonight;
Sunday increasing cloudiness,
probably rain or snow in north-
west portion.

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PEACE IN IRELAND BY CHRISTMAS SOUGHT

Trunks Of Woman Fugitive Searched For Clues

WHO GOT DIARY, IS QUERIED AFTER SEARCH IS OVER

Mysterious Person Examines
Trunks Claiming to Represent
Prosecutor

COUNTY ATTORNEY DENIES
HE HAD PRESENTATIVE

Meantime Newspapers Publish
What Is Declared to Be
Miss Smith's Diary

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 2.—The small caliber revolver with which it is charged Clara Smith fatally shot Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, in a quarrel in a hotel room here on the night of November 21, and the bullet-pierced clothing worn by the millionaire oil man and politician at the time, were brought before Russell B. Brown, county attorney, today for examination.

Sheriff Buck Garrett of Carter county, took possession of the weapon and clothing after guests and police rushed into the room and found Hamon with a bullet wound through his abdomen. An order was issued for the sheriff to produce them immediately, but he could not be found today.

STATUS OF MYSTERY.

The case remained in a status of mystery today and the principal efforts were directed toward an organized search throughout the southwest and extending into Mexico. Hamon, before his death, remained silent concerning Clara Smith, who was known as his secretary, and the circumstances surrounding the shooting. A young woman answering her description, according to a Dallas dispatch, declared to him while driving to Cisco, Tex., that she had shot a man in Ardmore and that she never would disclose the cause of the shooting.

WOMAN IS TRACED.

Reports that Miss Smith left a train at Sweetwater, Tex., after boarding it apparently with the intention of going to El Paso, could not be verified today. The owner of a cafe in the town claims to know the young woman asserted she had not been seen in the city. Sweetwater officers expressed the opinion that she may have passed through the town in an automobile.

It was reported that a brother of Miss Smith was being held by the police at Sweetwater. These reports said he was arrested while en route to reach his sister with an automobile.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 2.—Pending word of arrest or further trace of Clara Smith, who was charged with the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, authorities here divided interest between the search for the young woman and the trip of Frank L. Ketch, who was Hamon's business manager, to Fort Worth, Tex. County Attorney Russell Brown, who before Hamon's death filed a complaint charging Miss Smith, who was known as Hamon's secretary, with assault with intent to kill, had traced a woman who answered the description of Miss Smith to Cisco, Tex., where she bought a railroad ticket for El Paso. He was considering today what part the statement of E. W. Salts, a Dallas chauffeur who drove to Cisco with the woman, might play in the case. She had told, the chauffeur said, that she had shot a man at Ardmore.

REGISTERS AT HOTEL

Mr. Ketch, who was registered at a Fort Worth hotel last night, but afterward it was not ascertained whether he had remained in Fort Worth. Mr. Ketch had maintained that Hamon shot himself accidentally.

PROSECUTOR BROWN IS SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT MISS SMITH HAD VISITED HAMON AT A RESTAURANT WHERE HE WAS TAKEN AFTER THE SHOOTING BUT ATTENDANTS DECLARED SHE HAD NOT BEEN THERE.

TRUNKS ARE HELD

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—The contents of two trunks, said by the police to be the property of Clara Smith, sought by the authorities in connection with the shooting of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, was being held at police headquarters here today pending word from Ardmore, Okla., officials as to what disposition shall be made of them.

The trunks which arrived here soon after the shooting of Hamon, were opened at the request of Russell Brown, county prosecutor at Ardmore, in the hope that something might be found that would throw light on the case. According to the police, however, the examination revealed nothing of the contents being what was woman's wearing apparel, a photograph of Hamon and one of Miss Smith, together with a selection of newspaper clippings and a book of verse. No letters or writings of a personal nature were found, although they were searched for particularly, the police said.

FINES NO DIARY

Detective Boyle of the Kansas City police department, who with a representative of the Ardmore county attorney, examined the trunks, said today that he found no diary among the woman's effects. Boyle said he did not know the identity of the Ardmore representative but believed he was a newspaper man.

A book of newspaper clippings and several photographs were the only things I saw removed from the trunk.

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FIRST DANCE HELD IN 35 YEARS THREATENS TO DISRUPT COLLEGE

MILTON, Wis., Dec. 3.—A discussion of the propriety of dancing, precipitated by the first dance held here in 35 years, threatens disruption of Milton college circles. Arthur M. Mills, editor of the college paper, has resigned, as a result of criticism following the ball, it was learned today, and the college faculty, it is reported, is discussing proposals to make participation in a dance an offense punishable by expulsion.

A dancing exhibition given by three girls in modified ballet costume at a literary society meeting was denounced in chapel by W. C. Daland, president of the college.

Dancing, card playing and use of tobacco are rigidly prohibited at the college.

PROSPERITY OF ITALY AND FUME PORTO RICO IS TOPIC OF REPORT

People Better Fed and Better
Clothed Than Ever Before,
Governor Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The people of Porto Rico, benefiting from a wave of prosperity, which overtook the territory during the last fiscal year, were better fed and better clothed than during any year in the island's history, Arthur Yager, territorial governor, declared in his annual report made public today.

"The general prosperity of the island," Governor Yager asserts, "has been most remarkable and has included all the industries and every form of business with the possible exception of the citrus fruit growers, who were unfortunately gravely injured by the steep of boats in October and November due to the strike of seafarers in New York harbor. The widespread increase in wages enabled the laboring classes generally to share in the prosperity."

EARTHQUAKE HURTS

Work of readjustment and reconstruction, the governor states, went forward slowly, but surely and was greatly affected by an earthquake which visited the island, by the high cost of materials and by three large strikes.

Governor Yager reviews the island's commerce at considerable length, pointing out in particular that the external trade of the island for the fiscal year amounted to \$247,199,983, an increase of 74 per cent over the total for the previous year, which was the highest on record.

BALANCE OF TRADE

The balance of trade in favor of the island last year was \$54,199,983, which Governor Yager estimates as twice as much as during any year since the territory began to show a trade balance in 1907.

The greatest part of the increase in the value of exports is said by the governor to have been due to the unprecedented high prices received for sugar.

The governor quotes insular authorities for the statement that crime is decreasing in Porto Rico, especially those forms of crime attributed to the use of intoxicating liquors.

Governor Yager's sole recommendation consists of a repetition of his previous suggestion that the provisions of the farm loan act be extended to Porto Rico.

MAGELLAN CELEBRATION IS CLOSED BY CHILEANS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 2.—Foreign delegations here to observe the fourth centennial anniversary of the discovery of the Straits of Magellan tomorrow will leave for Punta Arenas tomorrow where they will conclude the program of the celebration.

The festivities in this city virtually were ended tonight with a ball at the government house, at which there were 2000 invited guests. Infante Fernando de Valera, representative of Spain, will return to Santiago from Punta Arenas at which time he will be traveling incognito.

RYAN QUILTS PRESIDENCY OF STUTZ CAR COMPANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The Stutz Motor Car company of America today announced election of Alvin Untermeyer as a director, and at the same time declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share, payable January 12, on the stock on record of December 20.

Mr. Untermeyer is the son of Samuel Untermeyer who three days ago accepted a retainer to direct the financial affairs of Alton A. Ryan, leading stockholder of the Stutz company.

ARGENTINA TO LEAVE LEAGUE; CABLE AWAITED

South American Republic
Wants All Countries Ad-
mitted to Organization

ARTICLE TEN LIKELY
TO BE ELIMINATED

Does Not Guarantee Territorial
Integrity of Members,
Committee Rules

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Rejection by the assembly of the league of nations of Argentina proposals in favor of the admission of all countries to the league may result in the withdrawal of Argentina from the league. It was learned here last night. It was said that a cablegram was expected from Honorable Pueyrredon, Argentina's foreign minister and chief of the Argentine delegation at Geneva, notifying the government of his decision in the matter.

Foreign Minister Pueyrredon is understood to have received instructions from his government before leaving for Europe to withdraw from the league if it appeared that the assembly would refuse admission to all sovereign states, and if Argentina's proposal for the constitution of the league on the basis of equal representation of all nations was not adopted.

MAY OUST ARTICLE 10.

GENEVA, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Presentation of the Argentine proposal for the adoption of a resolution eliminating Article X from the covenant of the league of nations before the end of the present session of the assembly would occasion no surprise here, it was declared in some quarters when the assembly began its meeting this morning.

Assurances were made that yesterday's decision of the committee on the admission of new states, which held, in effect, that the article does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, represented the opinion of a majority of the delegates at the present meeting. This interpretation, and the postponement of the consideration of certain changes in the covenant to a later meeting, were the principal topics of conversation here today.

MAY CONSIDER AMENDMENTS.

These changes, which were proposed by Scandinavian countries, said in the present meeting, and which were referred to any other amendments. N. W. Rowell, a Canadian delegate, brought this out clearly by questioning A. J. Ralston, of Great Britain, as to whether or not he was referring the question of how to choose the four elective members of the league had not reported. The question of the election of new members was referred for four years or two and it is still being debated whether their terms of office should begin from the first entry of the council into operation, or from the present meeting of the assembly. If the latter idea prevails, the four representatives must be elected here.

The chance of Brazil returning to her place on the council is considered excellent, but Greece, it is thought, will lose her place.

ARTICLE 10 EXPLAINED.

Article 10 of the league of nations covenant does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, according to the first official interpretation of that article by the league, announced by a secretary of the commission on the admission of new states. This declaration is generally regarded as one of the most important decisions yet, taken by the league.

The interpretation was provoked by the proposal of Giuseppe Motta, of the Swiss delegation, who asked that if the proposal of Vorarlberg, which was permitted to join Switzerland, the text of the interpretation follows:

INTERPRETATION GIVEN.

The adoption of the proposal put forward by Motta. We are indeed of the opinion that the entry of Austria into the league will in no way prejudice or affect the territorial integrity of any member of the league. We can not help adding that the suggestion that admission to the league should have any such effect appears to arise from a misconception of article ten. It can not be too emphatically stated that article ten does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league. All it does is to condemn external aggression on territorial integrity and the political independence of any member of the league and call upon the council to consider what can be done to resist such aggression."

VOORARBERG AT RECENT PLEBISCITE

Mr. Motta made this point that Vorarlberg at a recent plebiscite indicated its desire to join with Switzerland. He contended that under article ten, Vorarlberg would be prohibited from becoming part of Switzerland should Austria at a later date join Germany, and the purpose of his proposal was to remove any obstacle in the way of Vorarlberg.

SIAMESE KING RENOUNCES HAREM; CHOOSES QUEEN

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—The king of Siam, first of his line to renounce the right of a harem, has chosen his queen, according to a cablegram received by Siam today. The king, King Vajiravudh, a youthful member of the Siamese nobility who is attending a private school here. His choice is Wanvudh, sister of Sidiyakorn, the first cousin of the king, the message said. Young Sidiyakorn said his sister is 27 years old; King Rama VI is in his fortieth year.

MARK SULLIVAN SAYS PRESSURE ON BOARD FAILS

Secretary Houston and Group
Refuse to Play Politics
With Demands

WILSON GIVEN PRAISE
FOR HIS ATTITUDE

Government's Refusal to Lend
Aid Declared to Be Right
Stand

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
National Political Correspondent of
The New York Evening Post.

There is one aspect of the present conditions, and especially of the conditions during the recent change, so wholesome and satisfying that it ought not to become history without being definitely recorded and brought to the attention of the largest number of people.

During the past three months, and especially during the month preceding the election, there was a large amount of pressure on Secretary Houston of the treasury and on the federal reserve board. This pressure came, and still comes, from a large variety of individuals and organizations. During September and October it came conspicuously from delegations of farmers, led by their local politicians. The object was to press the secretary of the treasury and the federal reserve board into taking some action beneficial to those who exert the pressure.

FORM OF INTIMIDATION.

If it should be said that on some occasions this pressure took and still takes, almost the form and vehemence of an attempt at intimidation, that term would hardly be too strong. An election was pending. The party in power was on trial, and votes could be won by acquiescence, or lost by refusal.

That the secretary of the treasury and the federal reserve board were not intimidated by the various actions demanded is a matter of record. That the Democratic party in power suffered by this refusal is also a matter of record. It was not that the secretary of the treasury would not have won the election for the Democrats, but that their refusal to do a thing which had been specifically demanded by cotton farmers in Tennessee and wheat and cotton farmers in Oklahoma was a large part of the course of those normally Democratic states going Republican, is easily proved. The election of Republican senator from Oklahoma is said to have been due directly to resentment on the part of the cotton raisers.

WOULD LOSE VOTES.

Whether the action demanded by the politicians and farmers was, or was not sound finance, and whether the refusal of the secretary of the treasury and the federal reserve board was, or was not, justified, is not the point. The point is that a secretary of the treasury who holds his office by appointment from the president, and a federal reserve board, who hold their office by appointment from the president, should not be intimidated by the threats of the party whose leader had put them in office.

This is so wholesome a thing that it is good to record it at a moment when confidence in government is being impaired by revelations of scandal in another department. It is so wholesome a thing that it is crying out for belief, it when the creation of the federal reserve board was under the discussion in congress one of the chief objections was that the appointments would always be political and that the board would yield in time of stress to political pressure.

PREY OF POLITICIANS.

The whole in fact recalls a specific conversation in which President Wilson participated at the time when the federal reserve board was being created. This argument—that the board would become the prey of politicians and would yield to political or sectional or class pressure—was made to President Wilson.

CREDIT TO WILSON.

The resistance which this federal reserve board and Secretary Houston of the treasury, both appointed by Mr. Wilson, made to a clamor from politicians of the president's own party, who in some cases made their plea in formal delegations led by senators from Democratic states, is one of the very large entries to be set down to the credit of Mr. Wilson's administration. If it is followed as a precedent by future presidents and future reserve boards, President Wilson, in this case, along with some other more obvious measures, will be entitled to credit for giving one of the

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MRS. MAC SWINEY ARRIVES TO GIVE FACTS ON IRELAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor of Cork, who starved himself to death in a British prison, probably will not step on American soil until tomorrow morning.

This was announced today by officials of the White Star line, who said the steamship Celtic, bearing Mrs. MacSwiney to the United States to testify before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland, would not reach quarantine by noon today as expected.

It is possible, however, that a tug may be sent down the harbor to bring Mrs. MacSwiney ashore this evening for the reception planned by Irish sympathizers in her honor and that of Miss Mary MacSwiney, her sister-in-law, who accompanies her.

MASKED BANDITS STEAL HUNDRED PIECES OF MAIL

Three Clerks Bound By Rob-
bers, Who Escape in Au-
tomobile

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 3.—

One hundred pieces of registered mail were taken from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train No. 6 by two masked bandits shortly after 7 p. m. today, according to postal officials. The bandits are believed to have boarded the train at Hopkins, a short distance out of Minneapolis. When almost within the city limits they entered the mail car, bound the crew and jumped from the moving train with the loot.

No estimate of the loss has been made either by postal authorities or by the railroad.

The three clerks in the car, E. Anko, Minneapolis, and F. C. Tausley and A. E. Ostman, St. Paul, said they did not know the bandits, but that they were forced to submit to being bound, and were lying, hog-tied, on the floor of the car, when the train stopped at the station.

SWAT PAIR OF FLIES

NOW AND AVERT PLAGUE
OF MILLIONS LATER ON

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—One pair of flies effectively swatted now of ill omen, the possible plague of 224,000,000 potential descendants next autumn, it is asserted on posters circulated today by the Merchants' association of New York City, which has launched a winter fly swatting campaign.

SAN SALVADOR BANS WOMEN'S HATS, SHOES, BEER AND MOTORCYCLES

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of El Salvador, Dec. 2.—Importation of luxuries has been prohibited, by decree of the Salvadoran government. Among the articles placed under the ban are passenger automobiles, bicycles, shoes, beer, motorcycles, furniture, hats for women and children, silks, tobacco and wines.

HUGE NEW AIRPLANES WILL FIGHT ON GROUND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Unless the government aids the airplane industry, Major General Menner, in his annual report made public last night, said it cannot hope to depend upon the availability of suitable commercial aircraft and facilities for their employment nor upon the existence of manufacturing plants and supplies of materials necessary for the rapid production of aircraft in time of war.

A contract for purchase of the Italian T-34, the largest semi-rigid airship in the world, has been made, the report said, but efforts to obtain from Germany a rigid airship of the latest type has failed.

EXPORT EMBARGO LIFTED

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 3.—The federal government has decided to remove the embargo with the exception of controlled goods from enemy countries. Imports from Australia from these nations, however, will still be prohibited.

Quite often the most interesting news of the day is to be found in the want-ad section.

PLAN MADE TO OBTAIN TRUCE PAPERS ASSERT

Premier Says He Is Eager to
Bring End to Murder
in Erin

SAILING NOT SMOOTH
FOR HOME RULE BILL

Countess Placed on Trial Be-
fore Court Martial At
Dublin

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Recent rumors of important influences working for the conclusion of a truce in Ireland preliminary to permanent peace in that island are revived by some newspapers here today. Suggestion is made that definite measures of conciliation are being initiated.

A member of the house of commons yesterday asked Premier Lloyd George whether, in view of the approach of Christmas, he should not try to bring about a truce and the premier answered he was "quite as anxious as the questioner to see murder in Ireland ended and would not have waited for the approach of Christmas to make efforts in that direction."

"I have repeatedly said," Mr. Lloyd George continued, "that I am prepared to take any steps that will lead to peace in Ireland."

The proposed movement is linked by newspaper writers with the visit to Ireland of the labor commission and pressure which is said to be brought to bear upon the Irish hierarchy to intervene more actively in the cause of peace.

The Irish home rule bill is not having the smooth passage through committee in the house of lords that was expected to have after opening debate yesterday.

Baron Birkenhead again today referred to the difficulties involved in the amendments offered by Lord Shandon yesterday, and expressed the hope that Lord Shandon would reconsider the matter before the report stage was reached.

There seems to be a belief in some quarters that the amendment question will not be persisted in.

The committee resumed its discussion today and a number of amendments to the bill, consequent upon changes made yesterday, were inserted in it. The changes included the amendment by Baron Orammore and Browne asserting that members of the senate ineligible to election to the parliament and vice versa, and providing that in the event of a disagreement between the senate and the parliament, a joint session of the two disagreeing houses.

Lord Shandon's amendment proposing a new clause in the bill asserting the Irish senate to initiate legislation.

An amendment by proposing to give full fiscal autonomy to both parliaments, was also discussed.

COUNTRESS ON TRIAL

DUBLIN, Dec. 3.—At the Royal Barracks yesterday today the Countess Georgiana Markievicz, member of parliament for the St. Patrick's division of Dublin city, who was arrested two months ago, was tried by court martial on a charge of conspiring between January, 1918, and September, 1919, to organize a "Flanna Eireann," otherwise known as Sinn Fein boy scouts.

This organization has been charged with conspiracy to murder military police, with unlawful drilling, the carrying of arms, furnishing recruits to the Irish volunteers and generally promoting disaffection.

The countess looked extremely ill today. The military escort confiscated the photographic plates, taken by the newspaper photographers.

The newspapermen were searched when they entered the barracks.

The countess today refused to recognize the court, and the session was occupied with the examination of witnesses for the prosecution.

The proceedings were enlivened by the countess acting as interpreter for counsel, who frequently stumbled over the pronunciation of Irish names in the trial of documents.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the house of commons Thursday that documents found in the possession of Eamon de Valera when he was arrested in May, 1918, would soon be made public. He said that the government is about to make public these documents, the premier asserted, implicating the Irish republican army in the German conspiracy.

DE VALERA REPLIES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 3.—When shown a London dispatch saying that Premier Lloyd George had stated in the house of commons today that documents found in the possession of Eamon de Valera when he was arrested in May, 1918, would soon be made public, Mr. de Valera, president of the "Irish republic," who is here, tonight issued the following statement:

"There were no documents found in my possession that implicated me for any one else in any conspiracy. There was no such conspiracy. If there were such documents, why did not Lloyd George bring us to trial? With his mock tribunals he would not have needed very much evidence to obtain a conviction."

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